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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 24, 2003

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY  
D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER

Case No. PUE-2003-00064

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity for  
facilities in the City of  
Chesapeake: Virginia Portion  
of Fentress-Shawboro 230 kV  
Transmission Line

ORDER FOR NOTICE

On February 14, 2003, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed its Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company for Approval and Certification of Electric Facilities: Fentress-Shawboro 230 kV Transmission Line, Application No. 223 (hereinafter "Application"). In the City of Chesapeake, the Company will convert operation of an existing line between its Hickory and Fentress Substations from 115 kV to 230 kV operation. Conversion would not require installation of new poles or conductors. (Application at 2; Application Appendix at 1, 3, 7, 23.) The Commission previously approved operation of this line at 115 kV with conversion to 230 kV without further Commission action. Granting Amended Certificate of October 21, 1975, Virginia Elec. & Power Co., Case No. 11655.

In addition to conversion of the Hickory-Fentress line, Dominion Virginia Power proposes to construct and operate a new 230 kV transmission line between the Hickory Substation and its Shawboro Substation, Currituck County, North Carolina. In Chesapeake, the proposed new line would extend for approximately 6.9 miles from the Hickory Substation to the Virginia-North Carolina boundary. (Application Appendix at 1, 16.)<sup>1</sup> The Virginia portion of the line would parallel the existing 230 kV transmission line and would lie entirely on the existing right-of-way. (Application at 3; Application Appendix at 1, 3, 11 and Attachment II.A.3.) No new right-of-way would be required in Virginia. (Application Appendix at 15.) The proposed route and alternative are described in the public notice prescribed in ordering paragraph (11).

The Company would modify facilities at the Hickory and Fentress Substations. (Application at 2; Application Appendix at 1, 3, 6, 7-8.)

The Commission finds that, as provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and that the

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission's jurisdiction over the route of the transmission line extends only to the Virginia-North Carolina boundary. The Company has filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission an application for approval of the North Carolina portion of the new transmission line.

Company should give notice. The Commission will accept comments on the application, and we will consider requests for a hearing on the application. We will also direct the Commission Staff to investigate the application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter be docketed as Case No. PUE-2003-00064 and that all associated papers be filed therein.

(2) On or before May 21, 2003, interested persons may file written comments on the application with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE-2003-00064 and shall be filed by the designated date.

(3) On or before May 21, 2003, interested persons may submit electronically comments on the application by following the instructions available at the Commission's Web site: <http://www.state.va.us./scc/caseinfo/notice.htm>. Persons commenting electronically need not file written comments pursuant to ordering paragraph (2).

(4) On or before May 21, 2003, interested parties, as defined in § 56-46.1 D of the Code of Virginia, may file written requests for a hearing with the Clerk, State

Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. An interested party should also mail a copy of the written request for a hearing to counsel to the Company, James C. Dimitri, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4030. Written requests should refer to Case No. PUE-2003-00064 and should identify the issues for consideration at any hearing. The filing of requests for hearing by e-mail or facsimile is not authorized in this proceeding.

(5) The Commission Staff shall investigate the Company's application. On or before June 4, 2003, the Staff shall file with the Clerk a report on its investigation, and the Clerk shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company.

(6) On or before June 11, 2003, the Company may file with the Clerk an original and 15 copies of any comments on the Staff Report and comments from interested persons.

(7) The Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories to parties or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: (i) answers and objections shall be served within 12 days after receipt of interrogatories, counting weekends and holidays; (ii) motions on the validity of any objections raised shall be filed within four (4)

business days of receipt of the objection; and

(iii) answers, objections, and motions on the validity of objections shall be served by 3:00 p.m. on the date due, unless the Staff or party upon whom service must be made agrees in advance to other arrangements. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(8) Within seven (7) business days of the date of this Order, the Company shall make available for inspection during regular business hours copies of its application, testimony, exhibits, and this Order at the following locations:

Dominion Virginia Power  
Electric Transmission  
2400 Grayland Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia  
Attention: Gail Lamm

City of Chesapeake  
Planning Department  
306 Cedar Road  
Chesapeake, Virginia

(9) On or before March 31, 2003, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the mayor of the City of Chesapeake. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(10) On or before April 4, 2003, the Company shall cause to be sent a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in ordering paragraph (11) below by first-class mail to all owners of property within the route of the proposed line, as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing the notice to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance or treasurer of the county or municipality.

(11) On or before April 21, 2003, the Company shall publish in two successive weeks the following notice and a sketch map of the proposed route as display advertising (not classified) in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the City of Chesapeake:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY  
D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER  
FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSMISSION LINE IN  
THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
CASE NO. PUE-2003-00064

On February 14, 2003, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") applied to the State Corporation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Company to construct and operate a transmission line in the City of Chesapeake.

Dominion Virginia Power proposes to construct and operate a second 230 kV transmission line between its Hickory Substation in the City of Chesapeake and its Shawboro Substation, Currituck County, North Carolina.

The Virginia State Corporation will consider the routing of that portion of the line within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dominion Virginia Power stated in its application that the North Carolina Utilities Commission would consider the portion of the line in North Carolina.

The proposed new line would extend in Chesapeake for approximately 6.9 miles from the Hickory Substation to the Virginia-North Carolina boundary. The portion of the line proposed in Chesapeake would parallel an existing 230 kV transmission line and would lie entirely on the existing right-of-way.

In conjunction with the construction of the proposed new transmission line, the Company will convert a line between its Hickory Substation and Fentress Substation from 115 kV to 230 kV operation. The Commission previously approved operation of this line at 230 kV. The Company would also modify facilities at the Hickory and Fentress Substations in conjunction with this project.

A description of the proposed route follows:

South of Hickory Substation, a new 230 kV line will be constructed on single steel poles adjacent to the existing 230 kV H-frame line and within the existing right-of-way. This existing right-of-way extends generally due south and west of Route 168. It crosses Benefit Road 1.25 miles west of Route 168, Saint Brides Road West 1.25 miles west of Route 168, the Northwest River and Ballahack Road

0.80 mile west of Route 168 before reaching the Virginia-North Carolina boundary.

All distances and directions are approximate. The Commission may consider and approve a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The application may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during Commission business hours. Copies of the application may also be inspected during regular business hours at the following locations:

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Electric Transmission  
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Richmond, Virginia  
Attention: Gail Lamm

City of Chesapeake  
Planning Department  
306 Cedar Road  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Interested persons may file written comments on the application with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE-2003-00064 and should be filed by **May 21, 2003**.

On or before May 21, 2003, interested persons may submit electronically comments on the application by following the instructions available at the Commission's Web site: <http://www.state.va.us/scc/caseinfo/notice.htm>. Persons commenting electronically need not file written comments.

On or before **May 21, 2003**, interested parties, as defined in § 56-46.1 D of the Code of Virginia, may file written requests for a hearing with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. An interested party should also mail a copy of the written request for a hearing to counsel to the Company, James C. Dimitri, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4030. Written requests should refer to Case No. PUE-2003-00064 and should identify the issues for consideration at any hearing. The filing of a request for a hearing by e-mail or facsimile is not authorized in this proceeding.

The unofficial text of the State Corporation Commission's orders in Case No. PUE-2003-00064 may be viewed at <http://www.state.va.us/scc/caseinfo/orders.htm>. The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and other information may be viewed at <http://www.state.va.us/scc>.

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(12) On or before April 18, 2003, the Company shall file a certificate of the mailing notice to the official described in ordering paragraph (9), which shall include the name and address of the official served.

(13) On or before April 18, 2003, the Company shall file a certificate of the mailing of the notice to owners of property described in ordering paragraph (10). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the

owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of this information.

(14) On or before May 19, 2003, the Company shall file with the Clerk proof of the newspaper publication directed by ordering paragraph (11).